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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS JUNE 25 ON U.S.- SOVIET RELATIONS

1. SUMMARY. SOVIET PRESS JUNE 25 AGAIN GIVES PROMINENT COVERAGE TO U.S.-SOVIET COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES. SEVERAL ARTICLES STRESS COMMITMENT AND INTEREST IN JOINT PROGRAMS BY BREZHNEV AND PRESIDENT AND EMPHASIZE LEIT-MOTIF OF "MUTUAL ADVANTAGE" (I.E. U.S. PROFITS FROM SUCH PROGRAMS) IN JOINT COOPERATION. IZVESTIYA CORRESPONDENT'S INTERVIEW WITH POLLSTER GEORGE GALLUP SUPPORTS VIEW THAT AVERAGE AMERICAN IS STRONGLY BEHIND DETENTE, WHILE OPPONENTS OF IMPROVED U.S.- SOVIET RELATIONS ARE CONTINUOUSLY GROWING WEAKER. END SUMMARY.

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2. OPENING OF STANFORD RESEARCH INSTITUTE SEMINAR GETS

SIGNIFICANT PLAY IN ALL MAJOR DAILIES. BREZHNEV MESSAGE TO CONFERENCE IS FRONT-PAGED, AND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO PARTICIPANTS IS SUMMARIZED IN TASS REPORT ON OPENING CEREMONIES. PRAVDA ANNOUNCES OFFICIAL OPENING OF BANK OF AMERICA'S MOSCOW BRANCH OFFICE AND CARRIES EXTENSIVE FEATURE ON U.S. COOPERATION WITH SOVIET SCHOLARS AT KIEV'S PATON INSTITUTE OF WELDING. SOVYETSKAYA ROSSIYA INTERVIEW WITH DR. R. EGEBERG (CO-CHAIRMAN OF U.S.-USSR JOINT COMMISSION ON HEALTH COOPERATION) EMPHASIZES U.S. INTEREST IN SOVIET HEALTH CARE. EGEBERG QUOTED AS SAYING PRESIDENT TOLD HIM BEFORE EGEBERG'S LAST TRIP TO MOSCOW THAT HE HOPED COOPERATION IN FIELD OF HEALTH COULD BE EXPANDED.

3. IZVESTIYA INTERVIEW WITH GEORGE GALLUP (JUNE 24), PRESENTING POLLSTER AS VOX POPULI AMERICA, REPORTS GALLUP EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH STATE OF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS. CORRESPONDENT KONDRASHOV SAYS GALLUP REPORTED AVERAGE AMERICAN BELIEVES SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS IMPROVED DURING LAST YEAR AND HOPES PROCESS WILL BECOME PERMANENT. ACCORDING GALLUP, AMERICANS ALSO SEE IMPROVEMENT OF U.S.-USSR RELATIONS AS ONE OF PRESIDENT'S STRONG POINTS DURING TIME OF ADMINISTRATION'S DOMESTIC PROBLEMS AND THEY APPROVE OF PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO USSR. ON DETENTE'S OPPONENTS, KONDRASHOV QUOTES GALLUP AS SAYING "THIS IS SMALL BUT VOCAL GROUP." IT CONSISTS OF PART OF JEWISH COMMUNITY UNDER ZIONIST INFLUENCE AND AMERICA'S EXTREME RIGHT. ACCORDING IZVESTIYA GALLUP OPINED THAT WHILE GROUP CANNOT BE DISCOUNTED, THEY ARE GROWING CONTINUOUSLY WEAKER. SENATOR JACKSON, SEEKING THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION IN 1976, HAS SYMPATHY OF A "VERY INFLUENTIAL JEWISH MINORITY WHICH GIVES MASSES OF MONEY FOR PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGNS." HOWEVER, IT IS UNCERTAIN THAT THIS WILL HELP JACKSON. HE HAS NOT BECOME A "GREAT HERO" AND HE CONTINUES TO TRAIL WELL BEHIND SENATOR KENNEDY. THIS SHOWS STATEMENTS OPPOSED TO DETENTE ARE UNPOPULAR WITH MASS OF AMERICANS. KONDRASHOV CONCLUDES INTERVIEW WITH REPORT THAT GALLUP FINDINGS ALSO SHOW AVERAGE AMERICAN WOULD WELCOME MOVEMENT ON ARMS LIMITATION. STOESEL

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